

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election of one of the following groups:

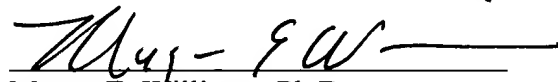
- Group I: claims 1-18 (drawn to DNA encoding RAC3 protein, vectors, transformed host cells and a method of producing RAC3 protein);
- Group II: claims 19 and 20 (drawn to a transgenic animal);
- Group III: claims 21-30 and 34 (drawn to RAC3 protein);
- Group IV: claims 31-33 and 35 (drawn to RAC3 antibody);
- Group V: claims 36 and 37 (drawn to a method of using a RAC3 modulator);
- Group VI: claims 38 and 39 (drawn to a method for detecting the presence of RAC3 activity and a kit for detecting RAC3 activity);
- Group VII: claim 40 (drawn to a diagnostic assay for identifying a genetic alteration); and
- Group VIII: claim 41 (drawn to a method of identifying A RAC3 modulator).

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-18) drawn to drawn to DNA encoding RAC3 protein, vectors, transformed host cells and a method of producing RAC3 protein, as set forth in the restriction requirement mailed from the Patent Office on June 23, 1999 for prosecution in this application without traverse.

SUMMARY

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Agent would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the examiner is urged to call Applicants' Agent at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

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